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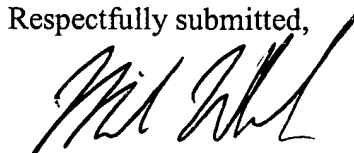
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REMARKS

Claims 2-13 have been canceled without prejudice as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claims 1 and 14-30 remain active in the application. Claims 1 and 14-30 are entitled to patent protection for the reasons set forth in the amendment filed May 10, 2004, which is herein incorporated by reference. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 14-30 at an early date is requested.

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